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C.C. Sheriff's Department makes drug arrests

Officials with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department last week made four arrests in regards to drug charges.

According to R.W. Whitworth, chief deputy with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, narcotics investigators from the department worked jointly with the Enterprise Police Department and the ABC Board Narcotics Unit to arrest four individuals Thursday, Feb. 22, on seven drug charges.

Whitworth said investigators arrested a husband and wife on federal warrants for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. Due to the federal warrant charges, he said the names of these two individuals cannot be released at this time.

Whitworth said investigators also arrested Timothy Dayle Finger, age 25, of Elba and

charged him with possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Finger was arrested at the Kountry Corner convenience store at the intersection of Hwy. 167 and Hwy. 125.

While processing the vehicle that Finger was driving, Whitworth said investigators arrested Tommy Allen, age 44, of Jack, Ala., on two outstanding warrants for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Elba City Schools anticipate funds released by Governor Bob Riley

by FARRIN COX, Publisher

Elba schools anticipate that the \$17 million conditional state appropriation released by Governor Riley recently will amount to about \$350 per earned teacher unit in FY07, or \$20,000 for Elba City Schools.

The Elba school system currently has 58 authorized, or state supported, teacher units. The funds are expected in the next

state education fund check.

Superintendent Danny Weeks said if the proposed education bond issue is approved by the Alabama Legislature at the recommended amount from Governor Riley, Elba should get somewhere between \$800,000 and one million dollars. This money is expected to be restricted to capital outlay (construction, building repair, grounds improvement, etc.).



VEHICLE VS. TREE...Emergency personnel in Elba responded shortly after 7 a.m. last Thursday morning, Feb. 22, to the scene of a vehicle vs. tree wreck on Hickman Avenue (Hwy. 166) just beyond the entrance of the Elba City Schools complex. Upon arrival, personnel found the 2002 Ford F250 truck (shown above), driven by George W. Lewis, had crashed into a tree. Lewis, age 67, of Breman, Ala., was the lone occupant in the vehicle. Members of the Elba Fire Department were called upon to help extricate Lewis from the vehicle. After he was removed, a unit from Coffee County EMS transported Lewis to the Elba airport where a Medical Flight unit was waiting to fly Lewis to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan, Ala., where he received treatment. Lewis was reported to be conscious when emergency personnel arrived on scene. The accident was investigated by Elba Police officers Brian Lusher and Lt. John Nelson.

Dr. Joseph Meloni joins Elba healthcare team

by LINDA HODGE, Editor

The Elba Healthcare Authority recently announced in addition to its team as Dr. Joseph Meloni is set to open his family medicine practice Monday, March 5, in Elba.

Dr. Meloni recently moved to Elba from Phoenix, Ariz., and while he is new to Elba, he said he is definitely not new to Alabama. He worked in emergency and family medicine from 1978-1992 in Birmingham, Ala.

Nursing Home. It will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. until Noon. Appointments are preferred by calling (334) 897-3800.

Dr. Meloni is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. He attended college and medical school in Cincinnati. He completed his internship at Louisville General Hospital and his residency at Tampa General Hospital in obstetrics.

After completing his residency, Dr. Meloni said he spent two years in the U.S. Air Force working in obstetrics. Once out of the Air Force, he said he alternated between emergency medicine, trauma medicine and family medicine. He said he had an occupational medicine practice for the past few years in Phoenix.

When asked about his return to Alabama and path to Elba, Dr. Meloni offers quite an interesting explanation.

He said he has missed being in Alabama for quite some time and kind of thought about returning approximately five years ago when his only son moved to New York to attend law school. He wanted to relocate to lower Alabama but he said the "headhunters" could only find opening in North and

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Two county schools selected as 2007 AMSTI Schools

by LINDA HODGE, Editor

Two schools within the Coffee County School System recently received exciting news as they were chosen to be 2007 Alabama Math, Science and Technology Initiative (AMSTI) schools.

Dr. Linda Ingram, superintendent of the Coffee County School System, said said she is very excited that New Brockton Elementary School (K-6) and Zion Chapel School (K-12) both were selected as AMSTI schools. They are two of the 18 schools that will receive training in June at Troy University for this initiative.

AMSTI, an Alabama Department of Education initiative for grades K-12 was designed to improve math and science teaching statewide. It was established by a Blue Ribbon committee composed of K-12 educators, higher education representatives, and business leaders.

Governor Bob Riley and the Alabama Legislature provided AMSTI funding of \$22 million for the fiscal year 2007.

"I have made AMSTI a priority because I know it works. With AMSTI, students don't simply read about math and science, they experience it in the classroom," said Riley. "AMSTI brings a higher level of enthusiasm to students and helps heighten their interest in learning. That's especially important when it comes to math and science, because these two areas of

study are essential if our children are to compete for the jobs of the 21st century. AMSTI will continue to be a priority in the education budgets I propose, and my goal is to put AMSTI in every school in Alabama."

Dr. Ingram said AMSTI is basically patterned after the Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI). She said teachers need hands-on training to make this program work. Dr. Ingram said all the teachers involved from New Brockton Elementary and Zion Chapel are excited to participate in AMSTI and are looking forward to the training ses-

sion in June.

The research-based initiative provides three basic services:

professional development,

equipment and materials and

on-site support by math and science specialists at no cost to the

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Area Happenings

The following article is the first in a series spotlighting the members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department. The intent of this series is to help local citizens become better acquainted with those answering the call to "protect and serve."

Alan Willis joined the Elba Fire Department approximately one year ago.

Willis said he decided to join the volunteer fire department simply because, "I've always wanted to be a firefighter." He said his most memorable experience thus far was most definitely his first house fire.

In regards to special training, Willis has acquired CPR and AED certification.

When asked what he enjoys most about being a member of the fire department, Willis said, "The new friends I have at the fire department."

His hobbies and/or interests include: hanging out with friend, fishing and the Elba Fire Department.



Firefighter Alan Willis

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Fenn Cox

Service members & vets
are still getting special
education assistance

Elba native Rex Ogg is among the musicians coming to Coffee County Saturday morning to help with the Grand Opening ceremony activities at Mayberry Plaza, the New Brockton Residential subdivision being developed by Rosalie Gilley Properties. Rex is the son of Butch and Marsha Ogg and is married to the former Anna Reed, also of Elba.

Thomas Corts was named chancellor of the two year college system last year. His job was to pick up the pieces after the sudden departure of Roy Johnson from that position. Corts had already retired as president of Samford University, but agreed to "help out." Now he is in trouble with the same school board who asked for his help . . . because he dared to speak out! All he said to a Birmingham civic group was that he felt the two year colleges and the K-12 schools should be managed by separate boards. Corts explained that the needs for both groups was just too broad for any one board to handle. Well several (elected) members of the state school board didn't take kindly to that opinion . . . to the point of wondering aloud if "he is really the man for this job." Don't be surprised if Dr. Corts tells those politicians bye and goes back to his front porch rocking chair. We would and it wouldn't be said as nicely as Corts will do it.

The con artists are working overtime. Now there are warnings about counterfeit AAA VISA Travelers Checks being circulated. Unsuspecting citizens are asked to help by cashing a batch of the checks, keeping some and wire transferring the remainder to an overseas bank. Of course it's a con job that ultimately leaves the honest, hard working stiff out of luck . . . and money.

A lot of Alabama folks think that moving the presidential primary to an earlier time will put Alabama in the forefront of the election process. Well our votes in the Electoral College will not increase and other states are also moving their primaries up to earlier times. If it gets Alabama some additional attention one year, it will be a surprise in this corner. More than one election cycle of attention will be - a miracle! The only way to stop this is to adopt the proposal of four primary regions. North, South Midwest and West. Regions would vote our motion apart and the order of voting would rotate. Each region would vote first every fourth cycle. That would probably be fair . . . but then do the movers and shakers in the political world really want fairness? We are talking about those who urge the voters to "vote early and often" on election day.

Police chasing motorist who are trying to escape continues to be an emotional issue. Studies show that only about 4% of Americans think high speed chases should be completely outlawed. Beyond that the issue of where to stop the chase is confusing. Law enforcement officers argue that they have no way of knowing if a speeding vehicle is driven by a panicking person who has only run over a traffic law, an escaped convict or by a serial killer wanted in six states. Opponents point to cases like the 2001 Georgia case of a 19 year old who was first clocked at 73 in a 55 mph zone. It got much faster before a police cruiser rammed the car, causing it to fly down an embankment and left the driver paralyzed. This case is now before the U.S Supreme Court.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, investigated the following incidents: one collision with an unattended vehicle, one for damage to a windshield, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for criminal mischief, one for breaking and entering a motor vehicle, one for robbery, two for burglary, two for domestic violence, one for possession of a controlled substance and one for harassing communications.

The following arrests were made: three for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, two for driving under the influence, two for robbery, one for failure to appear, one for failure to pay, one for burglary, one for harassing communications and one for criminal mischief.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for no insurance, four for speeding, four for no proof of insurance, four for improper lights, one for running a stop sign, one for not wearing a seat belt and one for failure to yield.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, FEB. 19 - Minor wrecks reported in the parking lot of Fred's (3:00 p.m.).

TUESDAY, FEB. 20 - Disturbance reported at 827 Roosevelt Dr. (7:25 p.m.); Prowler reported at 1622 Studebaker St. (10:12 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 8456 County Rd. 103 (12:43 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported

at the intersection of Simmons St. and Hickman Ave. (2:59 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck at Simmons St. and Hickman Ave. (3:04 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a pond next to 285 County Rd. 239 (6:34 a.m.); Burglary reported at 111 Factory Ave. (1:17 p.m.); Burglary (not in progress) reported at 709 Roosevelt Dr. (9:19 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at Fred's Trailer Court (10:54 p.m.).

THURSDAY, FEB. 22 - Domestic disturbance reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (12:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to an alley on Farris St. (12:39 a.m.); One-vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 84 W. past Bridgeville Trailers (2:18 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 84 W. (2:19 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 84 W. (2:20 a.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs. tree) reported on Hickman Ave. (Hwy. 166) just past schools (7:03 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to wreck on Hickman Ave. (7:05 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck on Hickman Ave. (7:05 a.m.); Disturbance (crowd) reported at 1032 Guyton St. (9:35 p.m.); Prowler reported at 1622 Studebaker St. (10:12 p.m.).

FRIDAY, FEB. 23 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 8456 County Rd. 103 (12:43 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a one-vehicle wreck on Hwy. 141

(9:56 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 141 (4:31 p.m.).

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Views From....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I know we all get a little older each and every day, but with Melanie turning 18 a few weeks back and Melissa having a birthday next week, it seems like I am aging faster than ever. I will admit the years have been good to the girls and they are growing into lovely young ladies. However, my gray hair has now turned white, and if it keeps thinning, in a few years I might be able to trade in my comb for polish. Oh well, at least we are growing older together and are still very much a family.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tiger baseball team split a season-opening double-header against Luverne last week, and despite being outhit in both games, gave their fans plenty to cheer about and to get excited about for the remainder of the season. There were several positives in both games, but a few deserve special mention. Don Rhodes got the ball to pitch the season opener and allowed only two earned runs in seven innings to get the win, while Brad Sullivan had 2 hits and shined behind the plate as catcher as he threw out six runners attempting to steal bases in the twin bill. Elba has a long season and will have to play its best to win every time it takes the field. However, after watching last week's games I feel the Tigers might just surprise some folks along the way.

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Rhoades pitches opening win Tigers split double-header against Luverne

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Following are highlights of both games:

Elba 5 Luverne 4 - The Elba Tigers staged a late rally to grab the lead and then held on to escape with an exciting 5-4 win over Luverne, last Monday afternoon in Elba. Luverne came out swinging the bats in the top of the first and collected four singles, but was held to only two runs as Elba catcher Brad Sullivan threw out a runner at second and outfielder Justin Mallory gunned down a Luverne runner at third. The Tigers got the scoreboard in the bottom of the first when Stephen Driggers delivered a two-out double and later scored on a wild pitch, while Elba grabbed its first lead in the fourth when the Tigers plated three runs to grab a 4-2 lead. Don Rhodes led off the fourth inning with a walk and promptly stole second, while Stephen Driggers came through with an RBI single. A single by Brad Sullivan and a sacrifice fly by Justin McLaughlin resulted in the Tigers' second run of the inning, while Sullivan scored when Luverne mishandled a grounder off the bat of Chase Boutwell. A double by Don Rhodes and an RBI single by Stephen Driggers delivered the Tigers up their lead to 5-2 in the bottom of the fifth, and the Tigers held on late to escape with the narrow 5-4 win.

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ELBA TIGER 3RD BASEMAN CHASE BOUTWELL applies the tag to a Luverne runner in action last week in high school baseball. The Tigers split a double-header against their rivals to open the season, and this week will travel to Kinston for a double-header against the Bulldogs.

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At Southeast Regional

Brantley Bulldogs settle for second



BRANTLEY LADY BULLDOG SHERRY GULLEY (3) drives past a defender in action last week at the Southeast Regional, at Troy. Gulley scored 19 points in the Lady Bulldogs' 48-41 win over J.F. Shields.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

Brantley Lady Bulldogs place second at Southeast Regional

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled off one upset last week at the Southeast Regional High School Basketball Tournament at Troy University, but were simply no match in the championship game as they settled for runner-up honors.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

Brantley 48, J.F. Shields 41. The Brantley Lady Bulldogs opened the tournament last Wednesday with an impressive 48-41 upset win over J.F. Shields.

Brantley jumped out to an early 6-3 lead behind the play of Sherry Gulley and Elisha Person, but then went over three minutes without a basket, and watched as J.F. Shields went on a 5-0 run to take an 8-6 lead with 1:55 remaining in the stanza. A three-pointed by Gulley put the Lady Bulldogs back on top 9-8, and this time Brantley was able to hold on to the lead as they ended the stanza with a 14-10 advantage.

J.F. Shields outscored Brantley 11-1 in the opening five minutes of the second quarter to open a 21-15 lead, and despite three late baskets by Sherry Gulley, the Lady Bulldogs went in at the half trailing 28-22.

J.F. Shields continued to dominate play on both ends of the court early in the third quarter and owned a 36-25 lead with 5:06 remaining in the stanza. However, a basket by Elisha Person with 4:47 remaining cut the lead to 36-27, and after a three-pointer by Deanna Sheridan and a tip-in by Taronda Randall, the Lady Bulldogs were within 36-32 heading into the fourth quarter.

J.F. Shields regained command early in the final stanza

and owned a 39-32 lead with 7:18 remaining on the clock, but a three-pointer by Deanna Sheridan kept a 7-0 run as Brantley pulled even at 39-39 with 4:35 left. Two free-throws by Taronda Randall put the Lady Bulldogs back on top 41-39 with 2:20 remaining, and when Sherry Gulley converted a fast-break lay-up with 1:59 left, Brantley's lead was up to 43-39. J.F. Shields got as close as three points at 44-41 with 1:47 on the clock. However, the Lady Bulldogs never wavered and held on to claim the wild 48-41 win.

McIntosh 81, Brantley 43. The Brantley Lady Bulldogs ran head first into the undefeated McIntosh Lady Demons in the championship game and were simply outmatched as they lost 81-43.

Brantley jumped ahead 3-2 early on a basket and a free-throw by Taronda Randall and owned a 6-5 lead with 4:00 remaining in the opening stanza after a three-pointer by Jessica Daniels. McIntosh scored the quarter's next eight points to open up a 13-6 advantage, and then took command in the second quarter and never looked back to hand the Lady Bulldogs the lopsided defeat.

Taronda Randall scored 17 points and pulled down 17 rebounds to lead Brantley, while Elisha Person added 10 points. Kimberly Davis scored 28 points to lead McIntosh.

DIAMOND DUST

* SOFTBALL *

New Brockton opens season with 7-2 victory

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks opened their softball season last week with a 7-2 win over Dale County. Kurstie Stanton pitched a 4-hitter to earn the win on the pitching rubber for the Lady Gamecocks, while leading the Lady Gamecocks at the plate were Stanton, Valerie Lawson, Bethany Lott, Shay Carpenter, Kayla Purvis and Alexa Adams.

New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fall to Ariton 9-1

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw their record slip to 1-1 last Tuesday afternoon with a 9-1 loss to Ariton. Leading the Lady Gamecocks at the plate were Vanessa Stuckey, Shay Carpenter and Bethany Lott, while Chelsea Holloway took the loss on the pitching rubber. Lexi Phillips allowed only 2 hits and struck out 9 batters to get the win for Ariton, while Jessica Peters allowed 1 hit and struck out 3 in relief. Phillips also had 2 hits with an RBI and Peters had 2 hits and 2 RBIs.

New Brockton JV open with two wins

The New Brockton JV Lady Gamecocks posted wins over Dale County 8-7 and Ariton 13-0 last week to close the opening week's action with a 2-0 record. In the win over Dale County, Heather Hendricks was the winning pitcher as she allowed only 3 hits and struck out 8, while at the plate Whitney Brasley and Abby Dunaway had key hits. Against Ariton, Jessica Peters tossed a no-hitter and struck out 4 batters, while Lynn Karrigan and Sara White both added 2 hits.

At Southeast Regional

Brantley Bulldogs settle for second

The Brantley Bulldogs competed last week at the Southeast Regional High School Basketball Tournament, at Troy University, and fell one win short of reaching this week's Final Four as they fell in the championship game.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

Brantley 82, McIntosh 59. The Brantley Bulldogs used a big second quarter to grab the lead and never looked back last Wednesday in claiming an 82-59 win over McIntosh. Brantley fell behind 6-2 early in the game and trailed 16-9 after one quarter of play, but came to life in the second quarter rode the shooting of Kevin Pitts and Thad Frazier to move on top 30-25 by the end of the half. Frazier scored 10 points in the stanza to spark the Bulldog rally, while Kevin Pitts put Brantley back on top 30-29 and it appeared the Bulldogs were back in command. However, J.F. Shields closed the half with a 5-0 run and carried a 34-30 lead into the half.

The Bulldogs continued to apply pressure on both ends of the court in the third period and began to slowly pull away as they opened up a 43-30 lead, and later went on a 7-0 run to stretch its lead to 50-32. Brantley never backed down and played hard until the final horn, but never really got back within striking distance and suffered the loss 78-59.

Kevin Pitts scored 15 points to lead Brantley, while Wesley Person added 13 and Thad Frazier added 11. Demetria Finkle led five J.F. Shields players scoring in double-digits with 18 points.

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Locker fund established at Elba High

The Elba Tigers are in need of new lockers for the varsity football locker room, and all Elba Tiger fans are encouraged to make a cash donation to help the team reach its goal.

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BRANTLEY BULLDOG KEVIN PITTS (23) poured in 37 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to spark the Bulldogs to an 82-59 win over McIntosh in opening round action last week at the Southeast Regional, at Troy.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 1

** Baseball **

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** Softball **

Elba at Zion Chapel (JV-V) 4:00

New Brockton at Luverne (JV) 4:30

Kinston at Dothan (JV-V) 4:00

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

** Baseball **

Elba JV at Ariton Tournament

** Softball **

Elba, in Wicksburg Tournament

Kinston, in Troy Tournament

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

** Baseball **

Elba JV in Ariton Tournament

** Softball **

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MONDAY, MARCH 5

** Baseball **

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** Softball **

New Brockton at Brantley (V) 4:30

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

** Baseball **

Brantley at Elba (V) 3:00

Brantley JV at Elba (JV) 5:30

** Softball **

Wicksburg at Elba (JV-V) 4:30

Providence Ch. at Kinston (JV-V) 3:30

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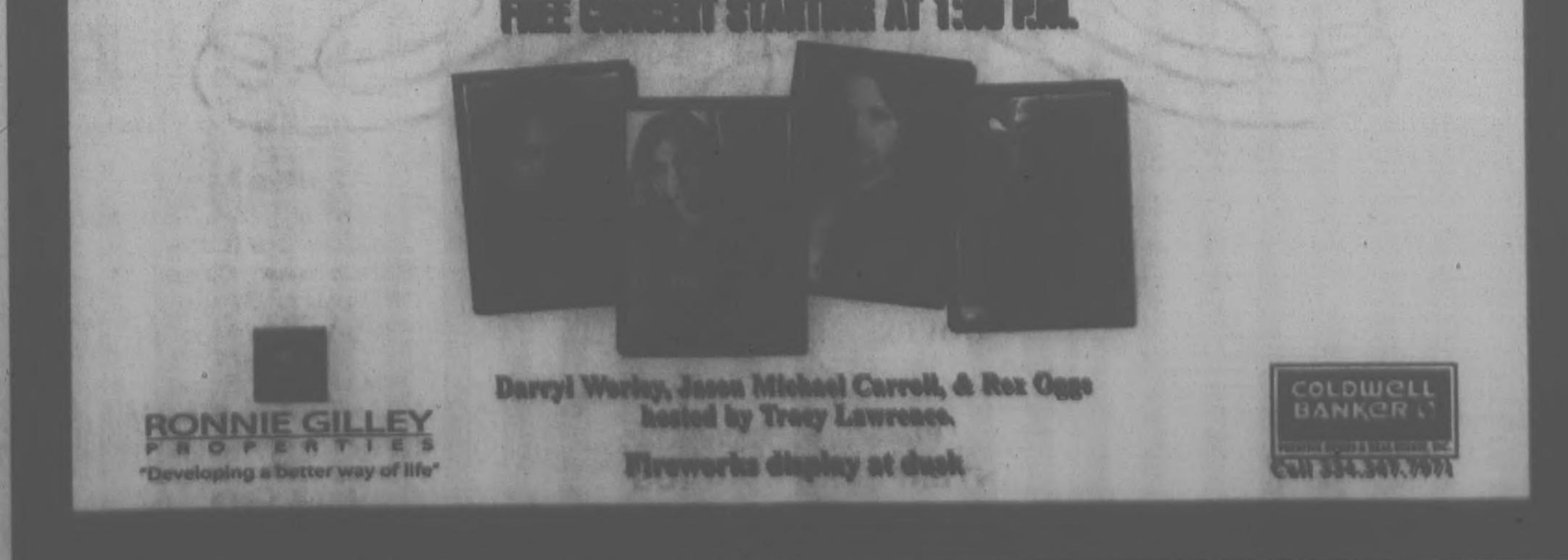
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school. Students attending AMSTI schools learn math, science and technology through activity-based inquiry approaches consistent with the latest research on effective math and science instruction.

Schools chosen for the AMSTI program in 2007 went through a competitive application process. Dr. Ingram said New Brookton Elementary and Zion Chapel are the first two schools in Coffee County to be chosen for this initiative.

Currently, there are nine AMSTI sites across Alabama, which serve participating AMSTI public schools in the state. AMSTI sites include: Auburn University, Jacksonville State University, The University of Alabama/The University of West Alabama, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, The University of Montevallo, The University of North Alabama, University of South Alabama, Troy University and Alabama State University/Wallace Community College-Selma.

Dr. Ingram said New

Miss Kinston winners crowned

The Kinston Athletic Club crowned the new Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Kinston on Saturday, Feb. 24.



LITTLE MISS KINSTON (from left to right). Baylee Holley, first runner-up; Savannah Reynolds, 2007 Little Miss Kinston; and Sierra Carpenter, second runner-up.



JUNIOR MISS KINSTON (from left to right)...Abby Williams, first runner-up; Clara Smith, 2007 Junior Miss Kinston; and Ashley Snell, second runner-up.



MISS KINSTON (from left to right). Sabrina Smith, first runner-up; Candice Strickland, 2007 Miss Kinston; and Suzanna Scofield, second runner-up.

Brass Symposium concerts shine on Troy stage

Two all-brass concerts are slated from March 2-3 as part of Troy University's ninth-annual Brass Symposium, hosted by the University's John M. Long School of Music and the Troy Arts Council.

On Friday, March 2, a concert featuring several performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of

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